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1. Alte Infanterie Kaserne:

a. still 50 percent occupied by about 300 artillery troops. Three trucks towing AT guns moved to the drill ground on 8 April 1950. They were followed, about an hour later, by three more trucks towing 75-mm AT guns. Ten soldiers undergoing radio training were seen through an open window in the barracks building. The soldiers wore headphones. Other soldiers received instruction on an aiming circle in the adjacent room.

b. Six soldiers removed a telephone in the barracks area on 11 April 1950.

c. [REDACTED]

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truck
truck
passenger car
jeep
jeep

trucks

truck, towing a 75-mm AT gun.

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d. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] passenger car, driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets and occupied by a general with white epaulets, apparently in administrative service.

[REDACTED] seen in Plauen for about two weeks

[REDACTED] repeatedly observed in Plauen, mostly in front of the Komen' ira building

Two 105-mm howitzers were standing in front of the armory.

2. Hindenburg Kaserne:

a. Occupied by an infantry unit of about 800 men. About 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and motor vehicles from the Hindenburg Kaserne were entrained on two boxcars and three gondola cars at the freight station near the upper railroad station on 8 April 1950. The five railroad cars were coupled to the freight train that left toward Dresden. The cars were rerouted in Mehlteuer.

b. Four groups of soldiers held close-combat training with wooden rifles on 12 April 1950. Sections of 4 or 5 men practice aiming in the barracks yard with four heavy mortars of 100 to 120 mm caliber on 13 April 1950.

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c. Trucks [REDACTED] each towing a light AT gun and carrying about 30 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, were en route to the drill grounds on 17 April 1950. They were followed by trucks [REDACTED] each towing a field kitchen. It was the impression that the trucks brought up the rear of a departing unit. No activities were observed in the barracks yard in the morning.

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trucks

tank truck

truck

jeep

truck

truck

jeep

jeep

truck

truck

truck

jeep

truck

truck

truck

jeep

ambulance

truck

truck with mounted machine gun
on tripod

jeep

truck.

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e. Truck [REDACTED] which is not stationed in the barracks, was observed in front of the armory on several days.

3. Former Artillerie Kaserne

a. A company of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with signal insignia, moved into the previously vacant barracks. The troops had beds, lockers and mattresses with them.

b. Signal equipment (radio sets and field telephones resembling those of German origin) were

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unloaded in the barracks area on 8 April 1950. The radio sets had rod antennas. Troops at aiming and loading practice with three howitzers and three or four groups of soldiers being instructed on a battery commander's telescope were observed on 16 April 1950.

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c. Three telephone sections practiced fastening wires to low poles on 17 April 1950. Four trucks towing howitzers left the barracks area while truck [REDACTED] towing a limber with howitzer entered the area.

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d. Troops with two howitzers practiced changing positions. Truck [REDACTED] was used for towing the howitzers. Troops with three 75-mm AT guns with muzzle brakes did service of the piece drill in the nearby area. The guns were later towed to the garage on the SW edge of the barracks area.

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[REDACTED]
truck, towing an AT gun
trucks

jeep

trucks

trucks, towing a limber with
howitzers

truck
truck.

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f.

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[REDACTED]
trucks

truck, towing a field kitchen

jeep.

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Fourteen trucks [redacted] moved into the barracks area.

4. Komendatura

The rear detail of the komendatura was billeted in the town hall.

5. MVD office

a. The MVD office personnel was recently considerably reinforced. Boxes, tables, chairs and beds were unloaded from several trucks on 15 April 1950. The additional personnel wearing green service color, arrived by motor vehicle.

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b. [redacted]

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truck
jeep
truck
truck

truck
jeep
truck
truck.

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comment:

a. The 112th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and, probably, the 87th Gun Arty Regt of the same division are stationed in Plauen according to periodical reports. The regiments were still at the military post on 17 April 1950.

b. The new unit, probably a signal unit, which moved into the Artillerie Kaserne is believed to have been a headquarters unit of the First Gds Czech Army [redacted]

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